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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anish Gupta

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6-8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 5 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed, 8-2-04, is acknowledged. The amendment amended claims 1 and cancelled claims 11, 12 and 14. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.
2. All rejection made in the previous office action are hereby withdrawn in light of Applicants amendments. New Grounds of Rejections follow below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 6, 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 10 states that the biological fluid is selected from the group consisting of culture cells, extracts from culture cells and plant cells. However it is unclear how cultured cells and plant cells can qualify as "biological fluids." Fluid, by definition, is a substance that tends to flow and to conform to the outline of its container. Cells, especially plant cells, do not fit the definition of a fluid since they do not flow or conform to a container. Thus, the claim is indefinite since it is unclear as to the precise definition of biological fluid.

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Claim 6-7 states that the chromatographic medium is affinity chromatography and chromatographic membrane. However, claim 1 is limited to cation, anion, and hydrophobic interaction chromatographic mediums. Thus, this claim lack antecedent basis in the base claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Azuma (JP48010543).

The claims are drawn to a process for the production of at least one peptide of interest from a biological fluid comprising adsorbing the fluid onto a chromatographic medium such as cation exchange chromatography, subjecting the adsorbed material to fragmentation via hydrolysis, washing the medium to remove bound material, desorbing the remained substantially adsorbed peptide from the medium and purifying the desorbed peptide of interest.

The reference discloses mixing chopped meat with ion exchanged such as a strongly acidic action exchange resin (see abstract). Note that chopped meat would necessarily contain blood and thus meet the limitation of biological fluid. The reference further states that water was added to the material and then subjected to digestion at 40oC for about 2 hours. Note that this meets the limitation of step (b) of the claimed invention. The mixture then is heated to inactivate the enzyme


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and then further purified to isolate the desired protein (see abstract). The reference therefore anticipates the claimed invention.

5. Claims 4-5 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anish Gupta whose telephone number is (571)272-0965. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell, can normally be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax phone number of this group is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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